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HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH KOREA

1. Since \_\_\_\_\_\_ the North Koreans have begun construction of at least 12 new highway airstrips, which will increase the total number of highway strips in North Korea to at least 15 (Figure 1 and Table 1). This renewal of highway strip construction is the first observed on photography of North Korea since

- 2. With the exception of Kuum-ni Highway Strip (Figure 1 and Table 1, item 11), each strip built since \_\_\_\_\_\_ is at least 1,830 meters (6,000 feet) long. All of the strips are of graded-earth construction and utilize a portion of a highway or are constructed adjacent to a highway.
- 3. Highway strips could serve as dispersal fields in the event of hostilities. The strips in the southern portion of the country could be used to increase the turnaround capability of fighter aircraft during an offensive against South Korea. No support facilities were observed at any of the highway strips, but the use of the probable mobile aircraft maintenance facilities previously observed at three North Korean airfields\* would lessen the need for permanent facilities.

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\*NPIC. R-26/70, Probable Mobile Aircraft Maintenance Facilities, North Korea,

TABLE 1. DATA ON HIGHWAY AIRSTRIPS, MORTH KOREA (Item numbers keyed to Figure 1) Length Sangwon-ni Highway Strip 40-07-25N 125-52-05E 2,018 meters (6,620 feet) Saamchan Highway Strip 39-43-30N 125-51-32E Sunchon Highway Strip 39-25-25N 125-49-00E 1,985 meters (6,510 feet) Chasan Highway Strip 39-19-20N 125-54-19E Sunan-up Highway Strip 39-14-45N 125-40-23E 2,149 meters (7,050 feet) Changyon Highway Strip (Figure 2) 38-14-50N 125-58-40E Ayang-ni Highway Strip 2,007 meters (6,585 feet) Nuchon-ni Highway Strip 38-13-45M 126-15-50E 2,097 meters (6,880 feet) o Singve Highway Strip 38-35-35N 126-31-40E 2,175 meters (7,134 feet) Koksan Highway Strip 38-43-50N 126-39-40E 2,150 meters (7,052 feet) Kuum-ni Highway Strip 38-50-40M 127-52-50E Wonsan Highway Strip 39-05-40M 127-24-25E Okpyong-ni Highway Strip 39-16-14W 127-19-16E 2,149 meters (7,050 feet) 39-32-08N 127-17-39E 1,830 meters (6,000 feet) 40-24-00N 128-48-20E 1,996 meters (6,550 feet) 15 (FIGURE 3 NOR KOREA S E AOFIAPAN •10 NEW SINCE SEP 70 BUILT PRIOR TO SEP 70 NPIC P- 1080 NPIC BASE 14 HIGHWAY AIRSTRIPS IN NORTH KOREA FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP OF

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